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SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND RECOGNIZES ANGOLA

1. RESPONDING TO FEBRUARY 23 PRESS INQUIRY, PM MULDOON ANNOUNCED GNZ RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA. MULDOON SAID GNZ DEPLORED MEANS BY WHICH REGIME HAD COME TO POWER BUT THAT IT WAS THE DE FACTO GOVERNMENT. ASKED WHY RECOGNITION WAS BEING GIVEN SO QUICKLY, MULDOON SAID, "THERE IS A GOVERNMENT THERE WHICH IS IN GENERAL COMMAND OF THE COUNTRY, AND THAT, AS I UNDERSTAND, IS THE KIND OF BASIS ON WHICH RECOGNITION IS GIVEN, AND THERE IS NO POINT IN DELAYING -- IT'S NOT GOING TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING."

2. REFERRING TO USSR AND CUBA, MULDOON DECRIED "...THE INTRUSION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE CUBANS INTO SOMETHING WHICH IS OF NO CONCERN OF THEIRS WHATEVER* IT'S AN ACT OF IMPERIALISM, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT IS A FACT." SELDEN

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